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India Says It Occupies Most Big Towns in East

NEW DELHI, Dec. 8.—India claimed today that its troops held all major towns in East Pakistan apart from Dacca and Chittagong and that Pakistani troops were falling back into the heart of the province.



Troops in bayonet charge on West Pakistan front recently, according to Indian Defense Ministry, which gave no further details.

Admits Air Defeat at Dacca

Pakistan Says It Gains In West, Holds in East

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Dec. 8.—A government spokesman said here today that reports from East Pakistan indicated the Pakistani Army was firmly holding its ground in all areas.

India Denies U.S. Account Of Peace Bid

NEW DELHI, Dec. 8 (AP).—Indian officials accused the United States today of a breach of diplomacy in making "word-of-mouth" charges that Indian use of military force had destroyed chances for a peaceful settlement with Pakistan.

8 Hours After Apparent Accord

Berlin Agreement Falls Through Again

David Binder, Dec. 8 (NYT)—A German negotiator, in an attempt to complete the details of a Berlin agreement, spent a last-minute visit to East Berlin today.

Leadership because of disagreement at the top over the compromise. The party leader, Erich Honecker, and his most trusted aides are in Warsaw today, attending a party congress.

Big 4 Accord on Timing

es Goldsbrough, Dec. 8 (NYT)—A NATO foreign minister said tonight that the agreement and pact on the timing of the meeting that opens on Dec. 10.



CIVIL WAR SCAR—Patrick McGurk, owner of the Belfast inn destroyed by a bomb blast in which 15 persons were killed, helps carry the coffin of his wife—one of the bomb's victims. He bears a scar suffered during the explosion. Shootings, riots and bombings continued yesterday in Ulster. Story on Page 5.

U.S. Denies It Backed Moving Of Egypt Troops Across Canal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (WP).—State Department officials said today that the United States never endorsed an Egyptian demand that its military forces cross the Suez Canal as Israeli troops pulled back.

Foreign Aid Bill For \$2.6 Billion Passed by House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (WP).—The House today passed, 214-178, a record-low \$2.6 billion foreign-aid appropriations bill in an effort to keep the aid program going despite a Senate-House impasse over authorization.

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UN Assembly Calls on India, Pakistan to Cease Fighting

By Anthony Astrachan, UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 8 (WP).—The General Assembly adopted a resolution last night calling on India and Pakistan to cease hostilities and withdraw their armed forces to their own sides of the borders.

Vote Is 104-11; 11 Abstain

The resolution was essentially the same as the one the Soviet Union vetoed in the Security Council Sunday. The Council voted late Monday night to send the question to the assembly under the "unitied-for-peace" resolution originally used to deal with the Korean War in 1950.



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Italy Electing New President; Fanfani Among the Nominees

ROME, Dec. 8 (UPI).—The Christian Democratic party, Italy's strongest political force, tonight nominated former Premier Amintore Fanfani as its candidate for president of the republic.

The designation of Mr. Fanfani, at present president of the Senate, came at the end of a Christian Democratic caucus at 10:30 p. m., just 13 hours before the 1,008-member electoral college is scheduled to begin voting to choose Italy's next head of state.

The election will almost certainly continue on Friday, and there were indications tonight that it may turn into a halting marathon.

Earlier today, the Socialist party, a partner of the Christian Democrats in Italy's center-left government, named its chairman, Vice-Premier Francesco de Martino, as its candidate for the presidency. He is a 64-year-old law professor from Naples.

The Communist party and other leftist groups committed themselves to backing Mr. de Martino but may switch votes if

NATO Big 4 In Accord on Berlin Timing

(Continued from Page 1) been brought up to its full commitment of 110,000, after running about 20,000 men under that level at the height of the Vietnam war.

The officials also indicated that NATO was about to benefit by new weapons systems that were being made available to NATO after having been proven in Vietnam.

The officials refused to elaborate on what kinds of "systems" were being brought to NATO, other than to say that they were "electronic"—indicating that they might become part of the sophisticated defense communications system NATO is now modernizing.

Commenting on the added \$1 billion that is expected to be added to its defense budgets, U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird said today, "We are heartened by the recognition that this is no time for unilateral disarmament."

Questioned about the cancellation of this endorsement, the U.S. officials said that the NATO allies were aware that to reduce forces now would be reckless. They said that the "new spirit" of \$1 billion offer and said that this new spirit was completely different from the Europeans' "complacency" of the 1960s.

They said that this "new spirit" would be necessary as the alliance began to emerge from a period of confrontation to one of negotiations.

The officials were critical of the Soviet Union's refusal to receive former NATO Secretary-General Manlio Brosio, who was designated to go to Moscow to begin soundings on the Warsaw Pact's desire to move ahead with talks on mutual and balanced force reductions in Europe. They said, however, that if the chances for MBFR talks with the Communists were still good, it was because NATO—and particularly the United States—had scooped the talk of any unilateral troop reductions.

The officials added that NATO's defense policy could not be based on "hopes," but on facts, and the facts were that the Soviet Union still had not responded to the NATO offer. "The ball is in their court," one official said.

A specific U.S. offer for increasing NATO's naval strength in the Mediterranean was brought up here by Mr. Laird. Officials said later that it had been "favorably received." The plan calls for the introduction of a standing NATO naval force in the Mediterranean in order to counter the growth of Soviet forces there.

This standing force, which could begin with as few as five ships from different NATO countries, would be primarily U.S. and do away with what U.S. officials called the NATO "boundaries," that is, the refusal of some NATO countries, like the Scandinavians, to patrol the Mediterranean.

There is already a standing NATO Navy in the Atlantic.

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By Paul Hofmann

a stalemate between the Socialist leader and Mr. Fanfani develops during the first ballots.

Last week, the Socialist Democratic party, which participated in Premier Emilio Colombo's cabinet, pledged to vote for re-election of the outgoing president, Giuseppe Saragat, whose seven-year term expires on Dec. 28.

The Italian Social Movement, the parliamentary arm of the neo-Fascist movement, announced earlier this week that its 30 representatives in the electoral college would initially vote for the party's chairman, Augusto de Marsanich but were available for supporting some other candidate later. Mr. de Marsanich, 80, held cabinet posts under Mussolini.

There were no other formal nominations until tonight, but political commentators speculate that some re-candidates may emerge during the balloting. Among the names mentioned were those of three former premiers—Aldo Moro, who is now foreign minister, Giovanni Leone and Mariano Rumor, all three Christian Democrats.

Mr. Fanfani, the 63-year-old economist from Tuscany who has played an important role in Italian politics since the end of World War II, was generally considered the front-runner.

Candidacy Flawed
However, his candidacy is flawed by considerable infighting between Christian Democratic factions.

Balloting is secret and Christian Democrats have been known in previous presidential elections to have voted against official candidates of their party.

The electoral college—the joint houses of parliament and 58 delegates from Italy's 20 regions—will hold two ballots daily. Under the constitution, a two-thirds majority—672 votes—is required to win on the first three ballots, and a plain majority—505 votes—on each later ballot.

It is generally ruled out that any candidate can win on the first ballot. Mr. Saragat was elected on the 21st.

Mr. de Martino is expected to receive about 410 leftist votes in the first few ballots. If his backing should diminish later, leftist groups may fall back on one of two other Socialists, former Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Pietro Nenni, 80, or Sandro Pertini, 75, president of the Chamber of Deputies.

However, the Christian Democratic party, torn by factional dissent though it is, seems determined to capture the presidency again.

Christian Democrats
Much will depend on the strategy of the Communist party, which controls the second biggest bloc in the electoral college—259 of its own representatives and a few sympathizers.

Communist leaders have repeatedly hinted that their party might help elect a Christian Democrat, not necessarily Mr. Fanfani, as head of state.

The most significant task of the president of Italy is the designation of a new premier in a government crisis. The next head of state will have to make such a decision, following consultation with political leaders, soon after his election because Premier Emilio Colombo, according to usage, will submit the resignation of his 17-month-old cabinet to the new president.

U.S. Starts Talks With EEC Aides
BRUSSELS, Dec. 8 (UPI).—The United States today started exploring the ground for trade negotiations with the European Economic Community.

William Eberle, President Nixon's state representative, met the EEC Executive Commission vice-president Sioco L. Mansholt, and the external relations commissioner, Raif Dahrendorf.

The talks cannot be seen as negotiations, Commerce Department sources said. The commission has not received a mandate from the market's Council of Ministers to conduct trade negotiations with the United States.

It can, however, always gather information on the U.S. trade demands, which are linked to the international negotiations on monetary problems.

Heath to Go to Ottawa
LONDON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Prime Minister Edward Heath is expected to stop off in Ottawa for talks with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau on his way to his meeting with President Nixon in Bermuda Dec. 20, officials said today.

UN Demands Truce, Troop Withdrawal

Assembly Votes 104-11 With 11 Abstentions

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the last 40 years as a warning to the Soviet "social-imperialists."

Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik replied that Mr. Chhabra's representation of Soviet-Indian friendship was "a legend intended for small children or great fools."

He noted that some countries have changed their war criminals "but in China they became liberators"—a reference to Peking's treatment of Henry Fu-yi, the puppet emperor of Manchukuo.

Ambassador Samar Sen of India told the assembly that no resolution would have any effect unless it was accepted by the government of Bangladesh. He underlined the fact that another country besides India had recognized Bangladesh—without mentioning that it was India's tiny client, Bhutan.

Ambassador Agha Shahi of Pakistan quoted The New York Times to the effect that "the government of Bangladesh has been an all-Indian soil, functioning on Indian aid, Indian advice and generally dependent on India for its official existence."

Mr. Shahi said that the cease-fire resolution suffered from a "serious deficiency" because it provided no UN observers, but that Pakistan had "taken note" of it because a majority of UN members clearly favored it.

The cease-fire resolution started with 12 sponsors, was formally introduced by 14 and had 33 during the debate. It had been expected to win between 90 and 110 votes in the 151-member assembly.

The day's oratory made it plain that the assembly like the council, is divided into three groups. One is the supporters of India—the Soviet Union and its bloc, and perhaps a handful of other states. The second is the supporters of Pakistan, including China, some Moslem countries and—with qualification—the United States.

A Third Group
The third group is a host of small and medium-sized countries that want Indian troops to withdraw from Pakistan. They refuse to sanction the involuntary dememberment of a sovereign state or the theory that one state should be allowed to regulate the affairs of its neighbor by force.

Some of these delegations have expressed in the past their distress at having to support a military dictatorship—Pakistan—against what seems to be a real liberation movement supported by the masses of the area concerned—Bangla Desh. They have hinted their dissatisfaction that China has taken such a position vigorously while asserting its claim to lead the Third World.

But, as an African delegate said, "India is our good friend, but the UN Charter is our best friend."

Secretary-General Thant lent a touch of drama to the day's proceedings by returning to the assembly for the first time since he was hospitalized last month with a bleeding ulcer.

In a special statement, Mr. Thant appealed to "all the parties" to the conflict to take every possible measure to spare the lives of innocent civilians. He appealed to "all parties" to observe the terms of the Geneva Conventions, which ask guerrillas as well as regular forces to protect civilians.

An earlier report by Mr. Thant on his efforts to prevent conflict in the subcontinent made it plain that India had been less cooperative than Pakistan in the weeks just before the fighting started.

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In air action, India said that six Pakistani jets were shot down in the Chambh battle. India said it lost one aircraft today.

India claims that it has destroyed 72 Pakistani planes—mostly combat jets. This represents about 25 percent of the 285 combat aircraft that Pakistan is believed to have had at the start of the war. India puts its own losses at 28.

Indian spokesmen assert that total Pakistani tank losses have

been 154. India has announced the loss of 17 tanks.

In East Pakistan the Pakistan Army is, essentially, now without effective armored or air support, independent observers agree. In the West, however, even the unconfirmed battle damage claims of both sides do not indicate that either army has yet suffered any crippling losses of equipment.

A top defense official said Indian planes might attack Karachi civil airport if it were used for landing military supplies. He said planes of a foreign country he

refused to identify were landing military supplies for Pakistan at the airport and he issued a general warning against such moves "to all countries—where the cap fits."

It was assumed that he was referring to China.

He said the information on the supply landings came from a European country that Western European countries that abstained in yesterday's United Nations General Assembly cease-fire vote.

The three Western European countries that abstained are France, Britain and Denmark. India has insisted the planes are sailing only in targets, a claim disputed by Pakistan.

India, which began its attacks on Friday in response to Pakistan's surprise attack on Pakistani military bases near Yahya Khan announced to Pakistani military leaders in both East and West.

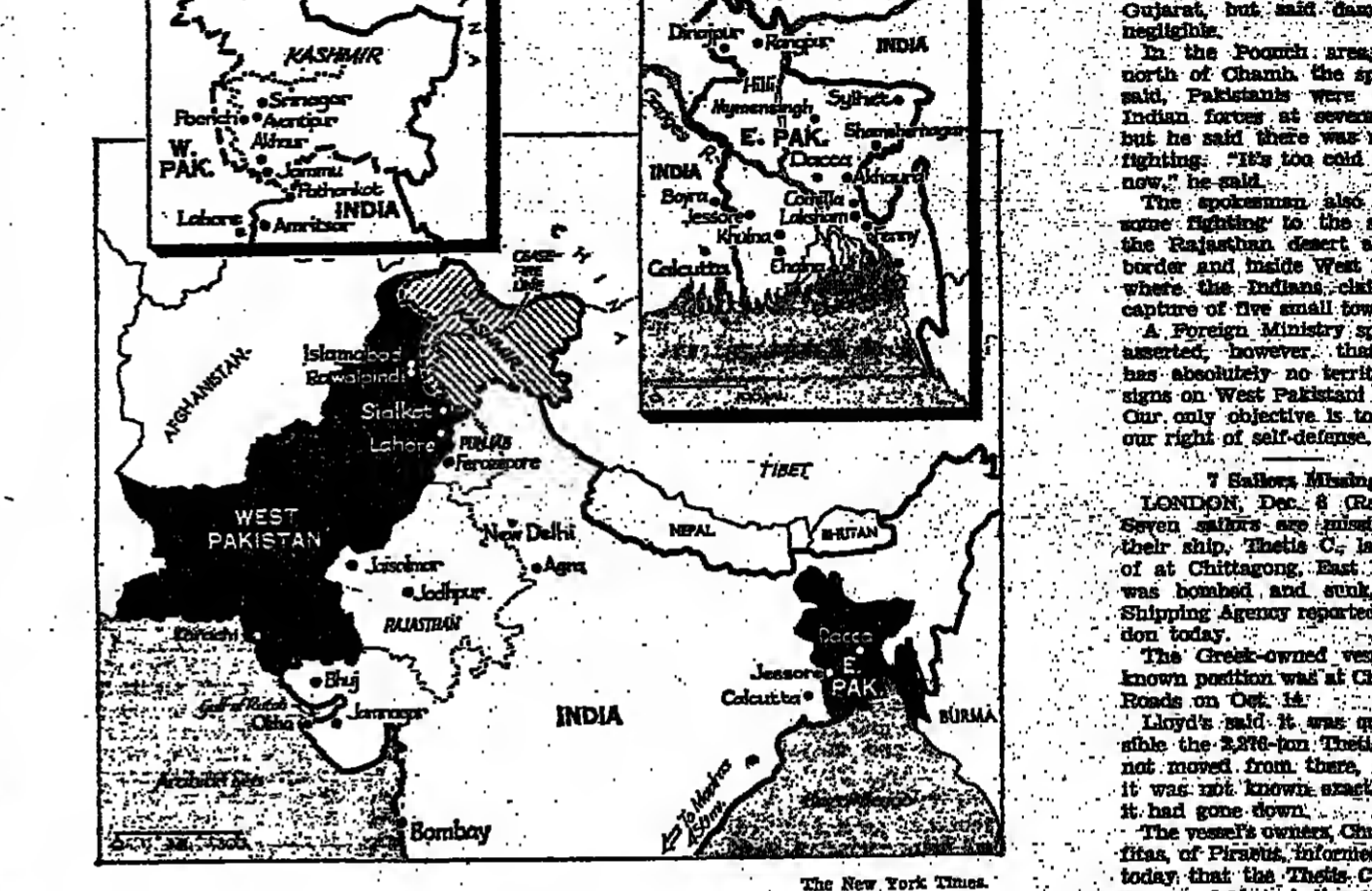
Indian spokesmen said military commander at Dacca has been bombed, and that bombing pressure is also applied to Chittagong. The spokesman added that the capital of Dacca was hit.

The Indians accused the tanks of again bombing the airport at Dhaka. In the air, the Indians said, the airport was hit, but said damage negligible.

In the Poonch area, north of Chambh, the spokesman said, Pakistanis were again bombing the airport. But he said there was no fighting. "It's too cold up now," he said.

The spokesman also refused to say how many Pakistanis were in the Rajshahi desert along the border and inside West Bengal. He said the Indians' claim to capture of five small towns.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, however, said he was checking an airport status on West Pakistan. Our only objective is to secure our right of self-defense.



Pakistan Reports It Advances in West

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A raid on Karachi Monday night. Earlier, a Pakistani Air Force spokesman in Rawalpindi had threatened retaliation if the Indian Air Force killed more civilians.

Radio Dacca today said Pakistani forces were successfully holding off Indian thrusts on almost all fronts in East Pakistan.

Dacca Radio said Pakistani troops in the Jessore area shot down two Soviet-built Sukhoi Su-7 fighter planes and knocked out two tanks. It said the Indian planes crashed near Jessore railway station, killing some civilians.

There were no air strikes on Dacca during the night, but a plane passed high over the capital, leading to speculation that it might be investigating conditions for a parachute drop.

Dacca itself was reported relatively quiet, with shops open and street traffic heavy, although the rumble of heavy bombing could be heard in the distance.

Trenches are being dug, and vehicles on the streets are camouflaged with paint—and mud—and many are festooned with shrubbery. A total nighttime blackout is in effect.

Prices have risen sharply, however, in Dacca as well as in Rawalpindi and Islamabad. Increases of up to 300 percent are reported in Dacca, and with no supplies reaching the East because of the Indian blockade, further rises are expected.

Pakistani President Mohammed Yahya Khan has set up a national defense fund to receive contributions towards the war effort.

He announced that all public servants have agreed to contribute to the fund and urged the population to avoid waste and to produce more.

"No price is too high, no sacrifice is too great in the defense of our homeland," he said.

The government introduced press censorship yesterday, and censor moved into cable offices and newspaper buildings to put into effect rules issued for foreign correspondents. The censors are also opening mail.

In another development, Pakistan's Premier-designate Nurul Amin and his deputy and foreign minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, today called on all Pakistanis to deal a crushing defeat to the Indian aggressor.

India Intend To Postpone February Vote

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The first time since independent the Indian government is sidling postponing elections.

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Joyful Jessore Crowds Set Up Chants of 'Long Live Bengal'

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JESSORE, East Pakistan, Dec. 8 (AP).—The nighttime months were over for the people of Jessore and jubilant crowds of them poured into streets today to shout their Bengal Desh slogans and cheer the Indian troops.

Out came the red, green and gold flags they had concealed in their homes and back into town came the womenfolk who had fled to villages deep in the paddy fields in fear of Pakistani soldiers.

The Indian Army entered Jessore yesterday after a lightning thrust which splintered the Pakistani forces and put them to flight.

Tanks and armored personnel carriers thundered past rows of shabby rundown shops, most of them locked and shuttered.

Turbanned Sikhs and brown-faced little Gurkha riflemen mingled with the crowd as cheerleaders led them in their chant of "Long Bengal"—"Long Live Bengal."

For the survivors of Jessore, an independent Bangla Desh at last had become more than a cherished dream.

Out in the streets, too, were the Mukhti Bahini, nationalist guerrillas who have waged an eight-month war of sabotage and ambush against President Mohammad Yahya Khan's Pakistan Army.

Modern automatic rifles, supplied by India, were slung over their shoulders and in their secret camps in the woods and banana groves they had mortars and light machine guns.

A Minor Role
They played a minor role in the battle of Jessore. But there was a swagger in their walk as they enjoyed the day of triumph.

The war from the Indian border, 18 miles to the west, crowds turned out to greet the first party of foreign newsmen to visit Jessore since its capture.

Lines of Pakistani bunkers and barbed-wire were abandoned in neglected fields. They had been given up without a fight.

Indian sappers carved out new tracks to avoid bridges blown up by the retreating Pakistanis.

A concrete bridge at Jhingargacha was wrecked. A new bridge resting on rubber pontoons already had been flung across the river and Indian military traffic was rumbling across it.

Little Damage in Jessore
Shellfire has blasted the occasional house, but Jessore is otherwise little damaged.

The Rev. Antonio Alberton of Ciudadela, Italy, reported the Pakistanis fled Jessore in panic, loading their belongings, and some of them their families, in trucks and speeding off to the south. Father Alberton maintains the mission hospital in Jessore.

Most of the fighting took place well away from the town.

Muskie to Declare His Candidacy Formally Jan. 4

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine said today he would formally declare his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination on Jan. 4.

He made the announcement at a news conference during which Sen. John V. Tunney, D., Calif., and the California assembly speaker, Bob Morote, endorsed his candidacy.

Sen. Tunney, a close friend of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D., Mass., said that he took Sen. Kennedy's "in his word that he is not a candidate."

Sen. Muskie said that his strategy had been to get into the best possible position by the beginning of 1972. "The preparatory period will end on Jan. 4," he said.

U.S. Denies Sadat Stand

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it considered fundamental and, needless to say, we share these disappointments.

Mr. McCloskey stressed that both Israel and Egypt continued to be interested in discussing an interim arrangement for reopening the Suez Canal and that the United States would return to diplomatic efforts toward that end after the current United Nations debate was over.

He said there had been no agreement yet from either side to a proposal for talks "in closer proximity," but added that "there is no agreement not to do it."

Mr. McCloskey said: "The possibility is still alive."

Mr. McCloskey also said that "on the basis of what we've been told," the United States saw no possibility that the "Big Four"—Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union—would be expanded by the addition of China. State Department officials said that the French had asked Peking's representatives whether they wished to join the group and had received a negative reply.

U.S. Mail Agency Picks New Head

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (WP).—Ramon P. (Ted) Klassen, president of American Can Co., yesterday was named postmaster general of the 780,000-employee U.S. Postal Service.

Mr. Klassen, 63, of Conway, Mass., a member of the nine-man board of governors, was elected by the board to succeed Winton M. Blount, who resigned Oct. 28.

The board also elected Frederick R. Kappel, former chairman of the board of American Telephone & Telegraph, as chairman of the Postal Board, a post that had been held by Mr. Blount.

There had been some complaints in Congress that Mr. Blount, in filling both posts, had excessive power.

N.Y. Times Honored For Pentagon Papers

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 8 (AP).—The New York Times has been named recipient of the 1971 John Peter Zenger award for its publication of the Pentagon papers, the first time in its 18-year history that the award went to an organization rather than to an individual.

The Zenger award, presented by the University of Arizona, is "for distinguished service to freedom of the press and the people's right to know." It is named for the 18th-century editor who was acquitted of libel by the British governor of New York, thus establishing the tradition of freedom of the press in the United States.

That See Envoys
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 8 (AP).—Secretary General U. Thant called in the Indian and Pakistani ambassadors today for private talks.

Later Mr. Thant had a meeting with representatives of 17 countries, 240 of whose nationals the UN has undertaken to admit from Dacca, East Pakistan, to Bangkok, Indian bombing and Pakistani air-strikes have interfered.

The 17 are Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, West Germany, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Romania, Singapore, the Soviet Union, Tanzania, the United States, and Yugoslavia.

China Assails India Anew on Bangla Desh

PEKING, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—China continued today to attack Indian recognition of Bangla Desh and said New Delhi had Soviet support in its "sinister activities."

The attack came in a front-page editorial in the Peking People's Daily, the organ of the Chinese Communist party, and carried the signature "Commentator" which was said to indicate that the writer is authoritative.

The editorial said: "The Indian government believes its recognition will provide a legal cloak for the so-called Bangla Desh. In fact, cunning has outwitted itself. This ugly performance by Indian expansionists only completely lays bare their wolfish ambition to annex East Pakistan."

It added that the "Indian government has the active support of Soviet revisionist social imperialists in all its sinister activities."

Peking denounced the recognition yesterday in statements circulated by the Peking radio and the New China News Agency.

French Critical of UN
PARIS, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—France today deplored the failure of the United Nations Security Council to stop the fighting between India and Pakistan and pledged to do its utmost to bring about peace.

Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, reporting to a cabinet session meeting under President Georges Pompidou, "regretted that the Security Council was unable to fulfill its mission and vote on a resolution allowing an immediate end to the fighting, or at least representing a first step towards military disengagement."

The foreign minister pledged France's neutrality in the conflict.

Brazil's Medici Briefed by Nixon On Coming Trips

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).—President Nixon met for nearly 90 minutes yesterday with Brazilian President Emilio Medici, briefing him on his coming trips to Peking and Moscow and discussing relations between the Western Hemisphere's two most populous countries.

Mr. Nixon said he considers the talks to be part of the consultative process with allied leaders prior to the top-level diplomatic journeys.

Mr. Nixon later entertained Mr. Medici, here for a three-day state visit, at a White House dinner and declared the occasion reaffirmed the "strong and close" relationship between the two countries.

He said that in the brief time Mr. Medici has been in Brazil's president, "there has been more progress than in any comparable time in the whole history of that country."

Mr. Nixon met Monday with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and will confer within the next month with the leaders of France, Britain, West Germany and Japan. His China trip is scheduled for Feb. 21-28 and his Soviet visit for late May.

The White House disclosed yesterday that Italian Prime Minister Emilio Colombo is being added to the list of allied leaders the President will confer with prior to his visits to the Communist capitals.

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U.S. Is Upheld on Pentagon Papers

By Sanford J. Ungar

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—A federal judge yesterday upheld the government's refusal to release the final four volumes of the Pentagon papers...

and Ogden R. Reid, R., N.Y., and Paul Fisher, director of the Freedom of Information Center...

tation papers fall under exemption to the Information Act, said. "Obviously, documents involving such matters as military plans...

American Activity in Upsurge On Battlefronts in Indochina

SAIGON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—U.S. jets dropped tons of bombs on Cambodia, killing more than 100 Communists, and dodged Soviet-built missiles over Laos and North Vietnam...

In the third incident, three U.S. Navy A-7s on a bombing run over Laos, 10 miles southwest of the Ban Kari Pass...

VOTE FOR SCROOGE VOTE FOR SANTA CLAUS



CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN—Posters up on Capitol Hill as Congressional Staff Club, raising funds for charity, seeks votes at \$1 apiece...

Howard Hughes Completes Picture-Filled Autobiography

By Stephen D. Isaacs

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Howard Hughes the billionaire recluse, has written an autobiography that will be published in March...

McGraw-Hill said they had taken place over a period of many months in various motels and parked cars throughout the Western Hemisphere...

GI Casualties Held Mainly Non-Combat

By Stephen D. Isaacs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Fifty U.S. Army doctors in Vietnam said today that most of the U.S. casualties they treat result from self-inflicted wounds...

Legal observers regard Judge Gesell's earlier opinions in the Pentagon papers case when the Justice Department sought to enjoin publication...

His ruling also applied to deletions made by the Defense Department from the 43 other volumes of the papers...

Already Appeared Much of the deleted material already has appeared, however, in another edition of the Pentagon papers...

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Indicted Attorney Remains Daley's Choice in Chicago

By William Chapman

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Alienating India

President Nixon's declaration of "absolute neutrality" in the Indian-Pakistani conflict falls to conceal administration policies, which have, in fact, been obviously biased in favor of the government of President Yahya Khan in Islamabad.

During the eight months of repression in East Pakistan which led to the present international conflict on the subcontinent, Washington's "neutrality" consisted of maintaining silence while Yahya's troops suppressed a freely elected autonomy movement in East Pakistan, were responsible for the death of thousands of Bengalis and forced millions more, mostly Hindus, to flee to India where their presence has posed a growing threat to Indian political, economic and social stability. For many months the administration actually gave material support to this unconscionable repression by continuing to ship small amounts of military supplies to Islamabad.

Administration officials argue, as a White House briefing emphasized Tuesday, that their public silence and the continuance of aid were designed to strengthen quiet efforts to promote a political settlement in East Pakistan that would bring peace and the return of the refugees. But there is no evidence that President Yahya has tried to reach any accommodation with the imprisoned Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the other

elected representatives who command the confidence of the overwhelming majority of Pakistani Bengalis.

Having failed to condemn the repression in East Pakistan, the United States has now flatly charged India with "major responsibility" for the resulting international conflict; having waited months to suspend arms aid to Pakistan, the administration has promptly suspended military and economic aid to India.

This is hardly "absolute neutrality"—even though it must be fully recognized that India is by no means guiltless in the actual outbreak of armed conflict, and, despite all the hypocritical and self-serving statements issued from New Delhi almost daily, has been aggressively maneuvering against its northern neighbor. There is plenty of blame to go all the way around.

United States efforts at the United Nations, first in the Security Council and now in the General Assembly, have been aimed at bringing about a simple cease-fire and withdrawal of forces. Urgent and desirable as such action surely is, it cannot be practically effective unless the United Nations and its leading members—especially the United States—are prepared at the same time to recognize and attempt to deal with the root cause of the problem in Pakistan.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.



Book Jacket

A Promise of Trade With Russia

Secretary of Commerce Stans' mission to Moscow has brought closer the day when American businessmen, rather than American officials, will be allowed to determine the level of East-West trade. But there's a long way to go and meanwhile important political barriers to expanded trade, as well as economic barriers, remain.

For instance, Congress has yet to give the President authority (and Mr. Nixon has yet to ask for authority) to reduce tariffs on Soviet exports to normal levels; Russia does not have "most-favored nation" status. Nor has Mr. Nixon exercised the authority, which Congress has given him, to let the Export-Import Bank finance American exports to the Soviet Union. Ahead lies the removal of these and other political obstacles, such as the still-long list of items proscribed as "strategic" and the requirement that American

mission just in order to bid.

The President may wish to save such matters as fillips for his own trip to Moscow next May, or he may wish to bargain with them for Soviet concessions, such as payment of the World War II Lend-Lease debt, granting of adequate facilities in Moscow to American trading firms, accession to the international copyright convention, and the like. We hope only that Mr. Nixon has not hurt his own bargaining position on these things by waiting to tackle them until hard times had built up great pressure in the United States to trade with Russia, and to trade now.

As it is, the potential of Soviet-American trade may be less than the heady atmosphere surrounding the Stans mission indicates. The secretary is said to hope that trade will expand from the current \$200 million total to as much as \$5 billion a year in a decade. The one deal consummated while he was in Moscow, however, suggests some of the limitations. Some \$60 million worth of

American mining gear was apparently bartered—not sold for money—for Soviet ores, a deal pointing up the hard fact that the Russians have never had much to sell that Americans wanted to buy. The recent sale of \$135 to \$190 million in feed grains is promising but followups hinge on Soviet vagaries as well as on the American union and maritime pressures. Washington has issued a round \$1 billion worth of export licenses for equipment and data for a Soviet truck plant, but an export license is not a sale. It is a license to bid, and would-be American exporters must bid against Europeans and Japanese as well as against each other. The prospects of American capital and know-how being applied in a big way to development of Soviet natural gas, copper and other raw materials are, at the least, remote.

It is instructive to note that Business International, the group which brought 100 hungry American businessmen to Moscow the other day, sponsored an identical trip as long ago as November, 1964. Earlier group (like the current one) met a gracious Premier Kosygin; their mouths began to water. The United States then began bombing North Vietnam and seven years of American trading potential went down the drain.

Perhaps it is enough at this point that the political restraints which so long bound East-West trade have been thrown off to the extent that they have. For trade can serve not only the economic advantage of its partners. It can help build a common stake in continuing good political relations. Trade will not "mellow" Moscow, any more than it will cause us to slacken our grip on our own political goals. But it can reinforce in the overall Soviet-American relationship a civilizing variety of mutual interests and ties.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

UN: Malik and Huang Hua

By James Reston

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—The old venomous Cold War rhetoric is back again at the United Nations—this time between Ambassadors Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union and Huang Hua of China—but somehow even the vindictive daily jangling matches between the Communist giants seem a little out of date.

The nations have changed since the days when Nikita Khrushchev could pound his shoe on a desk at the General Assembly and send a shudder through the world. The human tragedy of the Indian-Pakistani war is so immense that the spiritual exchanges between the Communist ambassadors embarrassed even their own supporters, and didn't even get much space in the press.

This was not because Malik and Huang Hua have lost the art of diplomatic hillinggagging. They were both eloquently provocative.

Malik referred in the Security Council the other night to "the low level to which the traitors to socialism on the Chinese side have fallen." He complained that "the Chinese representative (Huang Hua), with his vicious, pathological slander against the Soviet Union, is aspiring... to the role of an imperialist jester. He is amusing the imperialists with his malicious slander against the Soviet Union."

But the fact is that the "imperialists"—if Malik meant the United States, Britain, France and the rest of the Western world—were not "amused" by the verbal brawl in the Security Council.

They were saddened by it, for suddenly the ideological conflict between Moscow and Peking threatened to overwhelm the urgent business of stopping the war between India and Pakistan and make a mockery of the UN's peace mission in the process.

There are obviously wide and deep differences between the Communist and the non-Communist nations, but the days are long past since Washington took pleasure in the alarming ideological and territorial differences between the two major Communist nations.

Moscow has a million armed men along the Chinese border, confronting a Chinese force at least that size, and officials in Peking talk openly about the possibility of a Soviet attack on China and point to the underground air raid shelters in the Chinese cities as evidence of their concern. In this situation, nobody at the UN is very "amused" to find the Sino-Soviet differences suddenly erupting in the Security Council and thereby not only interfering with the efforts to end the Indo-Pakistani war, but seriously increasing the tensions between Moscow and Peking.

The Chinese are an interesting study in this debate, and Huang Hua is no jester. They did not expect to be sitting in the Security Council at all, and have not been here long enough to adopt the normal UN technicalities of polite presence. In fact, they seem determined not only to challenge the Soviet Union's expansionist policies in the Indian Ocean, but in the Middle East, the Mediterranean, and in Europe as well, and to demonstrate that they are not deceived by Moscow's diplomatic strategy and not intimidated by Moscow's power.

China's position is clear enough. It knows that the Pakistani government was savage in its repression of the East Pakistani rebels, though it says very little about

the hundreds of thousands of casualties and the millions of refugees driven into India by the brutality of the Pakistani Army.

But in Peking's view, this was an internal conflict, a rebellion and even a Pakistani civil war, which India helped provoke by arming the rebels, and then used as an excuse to settle the old scores and dismember the Pakistani state.

Accordingly, Huang Hua accused the Soviet Union not only of backing India's intervention in the Pakistani conflict but of using its veto power in the Security Council to help the progress of the Indian Army—and he didn't stop there.

For he went on to point to Moscow's hypocrisy in calling for total withdrawal of Israeli troops in the Middle East controversy while opposing a cease-fire and the withdrawal of the Indian and Pakistani troops—all of which, the Chinese ambassador suggested, was in keeping with Moscow's "social imperialism," its expansion into the Mediterranean and now into the Indian Ocean, and even its "aggression against the people of Czechoslovakia."

Huang Hua weakened his argument by paying little attention to the savagery of the Pakistani government against its own people, but at least he was consistent with Peking policy; China sided with Peking policy; China opposed the Soviet Union's use of military force to install the kind of government it wanted in

Prague and it is opposing India's use of force to get the kind of government it wants in East Pakistan.

Soviet Repression

This is not an argument that can be lightly dismissed, for if foreign armies are to cross international borders to correct the internal tragedies of other states, what about the internal repression in the Soviet Union, or in South Africa and many other places? and is the tragedy of the Pakistani rebellion worse than the larger, Indo-Pakistani war?

The United Nations cannot even stop pointless international wars like Vietnam, let alone deal with the internal massacres of sovereign states, no matter how tragic. Its only hope is that it can persuade the member nations to pay a little more attention to its first principle to refrain from the threat or use of military force in the settlement of their disputes. And it cannot even do that if the great powers reject the principle and turn the Security Council into an instrument for propaganda, dissension and division.

No doubt India, backed by the Soviet Union, will have her way and Pakistan will be dismembered, and the UN weakened once more, but one thing is an East Bengal state, the process of fragmenting the subcontinent have begun again, and disintegration has already been a greater threat to the future of India than the menace of a divided Pakistan.

International Opinion

Indian-Pakistani War

It is not the first time that two countries at war affronted each other by proxy but it is the first time that the privileged spokesmen of the two belligerents are the two biggest socialist states in the world. While bloodshed was under way along Indo-Pakistani frontiers, the endless debates have evidenced the helplessness of the organization which, in the mind of United Nations founders, was to watch over peace everywhere and to enforce it if necessary.

The member states have demonstrated once again that the putting to fire and sword of a continent—even the most destitute on earth—is not enough to make them agree on the elementary minimum which a cease-fire appeal would have been. The only surprise in the Security Council actually came from China. When the United States was still doing its utmost to postpone indefinitely the day when Peking could sit there, it was scarcely imaginable that China would make itself conspicuous by voting

with the Americans and furthermore reserve its first veto for the Soviet Union.

The Chinese had at least ethics on their side in denouncing the cynicism of invoking the people's right to self-determination in the case of Bangla Desh—as the Soviets do—and denying the Czechoslovak people the same right.

—From Le Monde (Paris).

The time of shilly-shallying is really over. While proclaiming its intention to remain strictly neutral, the American administration no longer hesitates to designate New Delhi as the one "responsible for a pure and simple aggression." It is to be noted that no suspensive measure has been taken by Washington concerning American economic aid to Pakistan. American "neutrality" must thus be interpreted in the strictest sense; the United States does not intend to intervene militarily. But it is clear that this "neutrality" does not prevent Mr. Nixon from deeming useful to make it known that he has now definitely chosen his side.

—From Le Figaro (Paris).

In the International Edition

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 9, 1896
PARIS—The dignified and statesmanlike declaration of President Cleveland, suggesting a pacification of Cuba on the basis of Spain retaining the undisputed sovereignty over the island, but according local autonomy and home rule which should satisfy all reasonable requirements of the Cubans, will in the end meet the approval of the sober second thoughts of the majority of the United States.

Fifty Years Ago

December 9, 1921
PARIS—To Americans with sound economic ideas, it came as something of a shock the other day that someone in Washington had proposed that money allowances should be made by the government to working people out of employment. Nothing more un-American than this could be suggested. The wonder is that the entire needlessness, as well as the futility, of such a policy is not more readily recognized.

'Ambition Feeding on Success' India's War Aims Appear to Escalate

By Robert Elegant

LONDON—India's war aims even have been escalating—more rapidly than fighting between Indian and Pakistani forces. Ambition feeding upon success, New Delhi now appears to seek nothing less than the ultimate purpose which Indian governments have never quite abandoned in the 24 years since the subcontinent was partitioned into two separate nations—dissolution of Pakistan or, at least, crippling the Muslim nation irreparably.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi went to war to force Pakistan to grant a political solution to dissenting East Bengal which would allow some 10 million refugees to return to their homes from Indian soil—she said. But, as soon as fighting became intense, Mrs. Gandhi recognized Bangla Desh as a separate nation—with possible consequences to her own control over multinational, multiracial India that could prove disastrous in the long run. She also proclaimed her intention of "taking" Pakistani-held areas of the disputed Himalayan province of Kashmir.

Mrs. Gandhi has not yet called for the destruction of Pakistan or even permanently allowing the threat New Delhi has always discerned from her northern neighbor. She may not announce either of these war aims publicly. Nonetheless, it requires very little exercise of the imagination to suggest that the temptation to "solve" the problem of Pakistan permanently will be very difficult—if not impossible—to resist.

fanatical Hindus who have decades stretched—the Nehru dynasty for being "soft on Pakistan."

India's Gandhi, however, with the wave of warlike sentiment whipped higher by the last success of her stewardship. The savagery and scope of actions initiated by India, which at the least that her aims are unlikely to be limited to restoring Bengal to its former or even creating an independent "Bangladesh" and "West Bengal" as Mr. Gandhi would wish.

Merely detaching Pakistan's Bengali eastern wing from its western wing would, of course, go a long way toward accomplishing the ultimate purpose, dissolving Pakistan as a unitary nation. Without the wealth, the undeniably exploited caste wing and its 75 million people, West Pakistan would not survive economically as a "truncated" Pakistan could not threaten India.

Ultimate Intention

Mrs. Gandhi's decision to create a permanent "Bangla Desh" half world, her ultimate intentions. Encouraging a secession of a distinct linguistic, linguistic, and racial group, absolutely contrary to this policy at home. New Delhi is severely repressed against movements by Christian missionaries, southern non-Hindu speakers and, most notably, nearly 40 million West Bengal people who are now being driven from their homes. The world's most vibrant cities, Mr. Gandhi's willingness to risk it, India indicates that the fighting for big stakes indeed.

In 1963, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, then Pakistan's prime minister, told Mrs. Gandhi: "Nehru notices himself as the equal of Alexander, Caesar, and Napoleon. He is trying to create an empire of neutralism—only—because it lacks the force to create an empire by force. This is the only way, Nehru, and his successors will never give up trying to do that."

India is now being driven by Moscow, which is abandoned, neutralized with a Marxist fist. It could may prove a perceptible prophet.

Military Solutions

Under both Jawaharlal Nehru and his daughter, India has consistently relied upon military solutions of her most pressing foreign policy problems—those directly on her borders. If Indian forces continue to defeat the ill-prepared Pakistanis, it would be wholly in line with Indian performance to attempt to solve her greatest and most persistent foreign policy problem by force.

Destruction, or emasculating Pakistan would relieve New Delhi of the most abrasive irritant to which it has been subjected. Mrs. Gandhi would, further, secure a twofold domestic political advantage. "Taking up" Pakistan would not merely remove the fancied threat, it would win the government tremendous popularity and would draw the teeth of India's extreme rightists, the

Letters

Soviet Veto

What a sad spectacle was presented by the Security Council at its recent meeting to consider the emergency in the Indian subcontinent. The United States had great leverage with Pakistan and could put pressure on Yahya Khan to let the democratically-elected representatives of East Pakistan have freedom to solve their own problems, but preferred instead to trade hypocritical platitudes about the importance of both India and Pakistan immediately stopping all attacks on each other. There was no call for any urgent attention to the heart-rending problem of dealing with over nine million East Pakistani refugees in India, that was to wait for eventual solution with patience and peaceful negotiation. No mention either of the full dreary months of patience, a negotiation that have already passed without any positive outcome. Unfortunately, nine million people driven away from their homes and livelihood do not submit to patience as negotiation.

In the face of such blatant hypocrisy on the part of a powerful government which committed to speak in the name of democracy and human rights it was a consolation that at least the government of the Soviet Union manifested this sense of responsibility to have nothing to do with the partition resolution proposed by the United States. That to me is the meaning of the Soviet veto.

K. C. JOSEPH,
Geneva.

On Caring

Motivated by Bernard Weissraub's article on caring in the United Kingdom (ETP Nov. 27), I feel forced to comment on the almost incredible nearsightedness of its defenders. What tests or other clinically sound procedures employed by educational authorities have ever persuaded any parent that the wielder of the cane is not himself or herself emotionally frustrated, psychologically unstable and, worse, subconsciously opposed to the very children entrusted to her or his care. Medical records are full of case histories of teachers highly equipped to teach, a variety of subjects, but themselves emotional problems of the highest order. Most parents know nothing of either the personal lives of their children's teachers, nor their psychological makeup. The only parent willing to shift punishment from family to stranger is either the unfit parent or the one perpetrating the crime in later years that another, not he, is responsible for the social misadventures of the child.

HANS ANATOL
KRAKauer,
Albuquerque, Portugal.

(By Mervyn D. Field) showing Kennedy beating Mr. Nixon in his home state by 45 percent to 43 percent. That "shock," he said, immediately penetrated the national conscience, and may have prompted Nofziger's attack.

Whether that is true or not, the Nofziger assault, smacked of the national conscience politics that afflicted the Republicans in the 1970 campaign; a passion for immediate political gain at immeasurable future cost. If, as some politicians feel, President Nixon really perceives Kennedy with his obvious political abilities, as the easiest-to-defeat Democratic opponent next November, he should veto all official political attacks on his character and let the record speak for itself.

If, as some other Republicans feel, Mr. Nixon now really fears Kennedy in 1972, political attack that smacks of character assassination to rank-and-file voters will make him more, not less, formidable, particularly with the record number of young voters. "A few more blasts at Kennedy like that," one Democratic politician told us, "will blast him right into the nomination."

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Stuttgart Feeding dia's War near to Strike

By Robert Ruttgart

Union Teams Striking Again

STUTTGART, Dec. 8 (UPI)—More than 35,000 metal workers in Stuttgart today are striking against a 11 percent wage increase. The workers are protesting the employers' refusal to meet their demands.

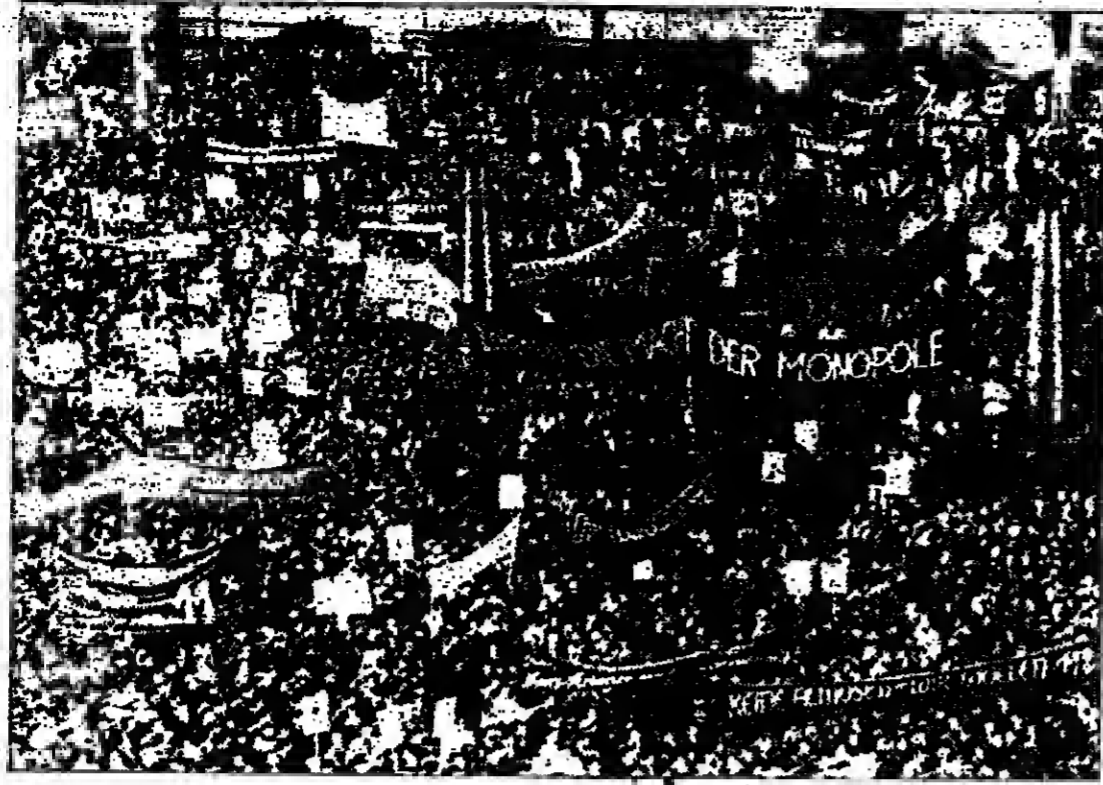
First time the metal workers have taken to the streets since the day-old strike and 30,000 workers from southwest Germany. The workers have forced closure of machinery plants in putting the total of work at around 10 percent.

Day Officers a Duel; er Hurt

VIDEO, Dec. 8 (UPI)—A bloody duel with a handgun at the Pando Air Base, 20 miles northeast of Lima, Peru, ended in a draw. The two men, Gen. 54, and Juan P. Ochoa, both unsuccessful candidates for the Nov. 28 presidential election, refused a reconciliation.

Asks Libya to Explain Nationalizing of BP's Assets

Dec. 8 (AP)—The British government today called on Libya to explain the nationalization of British Petroleum Co. assets. The British government is concerned that 49 percent of the assets are now in the hands of the Libyan government.



MASS DEMAND—Some of the 35,000 metal workers from North Baden-Wuerttemberg demonstrating in Stuttgart yesterday to back their demands for an 11 pct. wage raise.

Ulster Toll Rises to 187 Since August, 1969

Shots Kill Belfast Man, Wound Girl

BELEFAST, Dec. 8.—Gunmen killed a part-time soldier and wounded his 18-year-old daughter tonight in the second murder of an Ulster Defense Regiment trooper within 24 hours, the British Army said.

Soprano Marie Collier Falls To Death From London Home

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Swiss Cabinet Elected, Celio Is President

BERN, Dec. 8 (AP)—Switzerland's seven-member cabinet was re-elected today to a four-year term. Finance Minister Nello Celio became president of the confederation for 1972.

China A-Fallout Detected in U.S.

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 8 (AP)—Traces of radiation believed to be from a recent Red Chinese nuclear blast were detected at 48 sampling stations in eight Western states, the Western Radiological Laboratory has reported.

Argentine Crowd G greets Mrs. Peron

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 8 (UPI)—Isabel Peron, blonde third wife of Argentina's former dictator, was mobbed at Ezeiza Airport yesterday when she arrived from Madrid on a special "unity" mission for her aging husband.

Say It Opens Way to Future Flights

Russians Hail Mars Landing Technical Feat

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (UPI)—The soft landing of a Soviet instrumented capsule on Mars, though only partly successful, was hailed here today as a technical feat that "opens up broad prospects for future flights" to the planet.

The capsule was released last Thursday from the spacecraft Mars-2, 500 miles above the surface of Mars, as it was about to swing into a long elliptical orbit around the planet after a six-month journey from earth.

U.S. Moonship Mounted

CAPE KENNEDY, Dec. 8 (UPI)—The Apollo-18 moonship was mounted on its Saturn-5 rocket in the assembly building here today, in a major step toward the moon landing.

Obituaries

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SOCIETY

Liza Minnelli With Paris At Her Feet

By Hebe Dorsey



Liza Minnelli on stage at the Olympia.

PARIS, Dec. 8 (EHT).—Looking like a child in a candy store, Liza Minnelli kissed Richard Burton, then dallied over and kissed her while Paris socialites gave her a standing ovation and 10 gypsies serenaded her.

In a simple purple halston dress and silver jewelry, Miss Minnelli was the belle of the ball last night. First at the Olympia theater, where she got so many curtain calls that she lost count; then at the Hotel Lambert, where Baron de Redé had a party for her and 200 carefully chosen guests.

Possibly one of the most beautiful townhouses in Paris, the Hôtel Lambert, at the tip of the Ile Saint-Louis, was candlelit, starting from the monumental stairway, where giant candelabra were wrapped in greenery. The buffet supper took place in the vaulted Hercules Gallery with fuses on the ceiling. The whole function, thanks to Baron de Redé's cool tact, had the sharp clarity of easy, secure elegance. Everything looked perfectly natural, even the baby orchids draped around the candlesticks. Everybody was dressed with delicate precision, yet nobody looked overdressed.

Since the profits of the Olympia performance (the first of a three-week Minnelli engagement) were going to the United Jewish Fund, headed by Baron Elie de Rothschild, this was like a Rothschild family party, ganging up Barons and Baroness Guy, Alain and Edmond, David de Rothschild was around too, escorting Marisa Berenson, as usual, but still claiming that this doesn't mean a wedding.

Walter H. Annenberg, U.S. ambassador to the Court of Saint James's, was at the Olympia but he somehow never found his way to the party. But the inner sanctum of Tout-Paris was there: Hélène Rochas, sporting a new, short hairdo, Cappy Badrutt in a black velvet pants suit and white mink cuffs and Duchesse d'Uzés (née Peggy Bancroft), her swan's neck sticking out of white mink. Meryl Laurin, in white and porcelain blue ruffles, looked very young; and Elise Dubonet stood out like a brilliant bird of paradise in a bird-embroidered Scherrer dress.

Some women wore what looked like last week's Troust party leftovers. Princess Ghislaine de Polignac had taken all the feathers from her Balmain dress

FOOD

Of Aphrodisiacs, Ambergris and Chocolates

By Waverley Root

PARIS (EHT).—It would probably not occur to many persons to list ambergris as a food. Today they would be right. But ambergris has not always been safe from the omnivorous human being, and indeed I can remember a time when it was still being consumed.

Ambergris was for long a mysterious substance, and in a way still is, for there is disagreement about its exact nature. Man had been intrigued for centuries by an unexplained fatty substance found floating on warm ocean waters or thrown up on beaches. Opaque and ash-colored, usually marbled with whitish, bluish-grayish or even yellowish hues, it had the consistency of wax, was inflammable. It was insipid in taste for those who had the courage or the curiosity to bite into it and find that it stuck to the teeth, and exuded an odor, intensified by heating, described by some as strong but agreeable, and, by others, as nauseating.

The name of ambergris (sometimes spelled, by folk etymology, ambergrass) was given to this substance, but only in 1793 did a French scientist discover where it came from. On the basis of reports from whalers who had cut their catches open and found in whale intestines lumps of ambergris sometimes weighing as much as 100 pounds, the French scientist described it as an excrement of the whale. Even today English-language authorities continue to define it as a morbid concretions of the whale, sometimes attributed to the bile. But French savants, who seem to take a particular interest in ambergris, have pointed out that it is found only in those species of whales, particularly the sperm whale, for which an important part of the diet is the calamary, or giant squid. They postulate plausibly, therefore, that ambergris is the black material of these animals, which is indigestible for the whale and is therefore ejected, to be gathered subsequently by man.

Orient

Like a number of other substances whose strong natural odor

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is basically disagreeable, ambergris in minute doses provides a base for perfumes, practically its sole present use in the Occident. though in the East it is still used in pharmacy and as a seasoning in cooking (as it was in the West in earlier times, particularly, but not exclusively, in confectionery—a German medieval recipe described a fish stewed with pepper, red wine, honey, brine and ambergris).

As a medicine, it was prescribed as an anti-spasmodic, a fortifier, and an aphrodisiac. It was esteemed on the last count by the ancient Persians, who ate lozenges of powdered ambergris, rubbed with pearl and gold, as an expensive remedy for an inexpensive condition. The Romans, more economically, chewed pastilles flavored with ambergris minus the precious ingredients, which they called *conchylia Cypriae*—the suits of Venus. Ambergris is still considered a powerful aphrodisiac in the Orient, where it is often added to coffee. A dose of three grams is proposed as enough to produce the desired effect, which is three times the amount considered sufficient in the West.

The 17th century was the heyday of ambergris as an aphrodisiac in France. Madame du Barry perfumed herself with it on the theory that it would help her retain the affection of Louis XV. Frenchmen doubtful about their own amorous capacities nibbled chocolates containing ambergris. In the following century the Maréchal de Richelieu, a gourmet and a Don Juan, son of the nephew of the cardinal, chewed ambergris lozenges constantly, provoking Voltaire into composing a quatrain which might be translated into English doggerel thus:

"Ambergris with your lord and garlic with your lamb
Are on your supper menu for tonight.
When Richelieu enters your bedroom, Madame,
Harden your heart and hold your nostrils tight."
The tonic virtues of ambergris were vaunted by no less an au-

thority than Brillat-Savarin, who, though a lawyer, dabbled in medicine and liked to spend his time with doctors. He was not yet known as a gourmet, for "The Physiology of Taste" was published anonymously, and his authorship of it was only admitted 21 years after his death. He may have been right. Though the aphrodisiac value of ambergris as a direct aphrodisiac may be doubted (there are few, if any, real aphrodisiacs, but eating well in general disposes spirit and body to pass from the pleasures of the table to those of the bed), the doctors of the times possibly had empirical reasons for valuing it as a fortifier.

Hysterical Women

It was held that the odor of ambergris was intolerable to hysterical women, as, indeed, it was

also to many persons of perfect health and nervous equilibrium. That it had some other qualities would seem to have been implicitly admitted, unwarily, by a modern authority who, after having described himself as skeptical about the properties claimed for ambergris, finished by remarking that "his prolonged use is not without disadvantage for the brain and the nervous system." This hardly gives the impression that its action is neutral.

Brillat-Savarin was firm about the toxic quality of ambergris, which he said, "I have verified by a large number of experiments." One gathers that some of them were made upon himself. "When I find myself in one of those days when the weight of age makes itself felt," he wrote, "when one thinks with difficulty and when one feels oneself oppressed by an indefinite pressure, I mix a crushed piece of ambergris the

size of a bean with sugar in large cup of chocolate and it always feels marvellously well."

Possibly some of this effect was due to the chocolate. A brutal heartening product of the first century in Europe according to Madame de Sévigné: "I never there was no chocolate. It was for bouillon given by Brillat-Savarin, too complicated to produce here, in which a tiny gram of ambergris was put much outnumbered by the many other hearty ingredients. It went into it, but was nevertheless given by this celebrated gourmet the credit for having restored the vigor of one of his friends who had been exhausted by excess sexual activity."

The renowned French chocolate maker firm of Debraine was at selling chocolate containing ambergris until well into the present century, and only stopped doing so because the cost of ambergris became excessive. Today, indeed, the fortunate finder of a stub lump of ambergris inherits small fortune.

and what was left of it, a black sheath with crystal embroidery, was fine. "Silly to order a dress for just one evening," she said. But the Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld still carried her last week's giant pink ostrich fan which so impressed Baron Elie de Rothschild that he just had to kneel to her.

Yves Saint Laurent arrived late, no, not in the nude but in his own black-tie version: a prole-tarian black suit with a huge, baroque ladybug bow tie, copied from the costume jewelry that he designed for his ready-to-wear collection.

Elizabeth Taylor had chosen an easy way out: a comfortable black and gold caftan and a pearl dangling on her forehead. For once, Richard Burton was wearing jewelry: a huge diamond pin stuck in his black ruffled shirt. When he wore a black suit too, he looked fairly somber. Asked if he was supposed to be Hamlet, "No, just some frigging idiot," he said with an alarming smile.

Opera in Italy

La Scala's Memorable 'Simon Boccanegra'

By William Weaver

MILAN, Dec. 8 (EHT).—On re-reading the score of his "Simon Boccanegra" in 1880, almost a quarter-century after its first performance, Verdi said, "It is too sad, too desolate." Shortly thereafter, he had the libretto recast by Boito and revised the music, but the opera is still a gloomy work.

A great gloomy masterpiece and difficult to stage successfully, La Scala chose "Simon Boccanegra" as the first work for the current season, which began last night with a superb production, magnificently sung and conducted. Maestro Claudio Abbado obviously loves this music: He allowed its potent, heart-rendering drama to unfold slowly, at its own pace. There are, of course, stylistic discrepancies between the 1857 music and the music Verdi added in the 1880s, but

Abbado did not try to cover up or rush through the simpler passages, for example—and his reading of the first act, with its tender love duet and the gentle scene in which father and daughter recognize each other, was so convincing as his majestic, grand council chamber scene.

In dark and brooding sets by Elio Grieger (who also created the handsome costumes), Giorgio Strehler arranged a tense and moving production. This is Verdi's most "political" opera. The rivalry between Boccanegra and Fiesco is a rivalry of class, and Strehler rightly underlined this theme, summing it up at the end, when the dying Simon takes off his ornate doge's mantle, handing it to his successor Adorno, to put on a humble cap, borrowed from one of the anonymous populace, gathered to witness the leader's death. In a splendid visual stroke, Strehler also had the fall of a strip in the background raised,

then lowered, to punctuate the stark moments of this supreme scene.

In the title role, baritone Enzo Cappuccelli went from slumped to strength. Bold and suffering in the prologue, discovering the death of his beloved Maria, and fully presented by Strehler as deft use of lighting, Cappuccelli became a masterful ruler, and at the end—a great and noble human being. He was supported by a first-rate cast, with Nicol Ghiarone as his noble, implacable antagonist, Mirella Freni, whose voice seems to have gained power while losing none of its sweetening was a lovely Maria, with Gilda Raimondi as her ardent, true Gabriele Adorno. The small roles were splendidly cast. Strehler's command, sung sensitively. This was, in short, a memorable evening and an auspicious opening.

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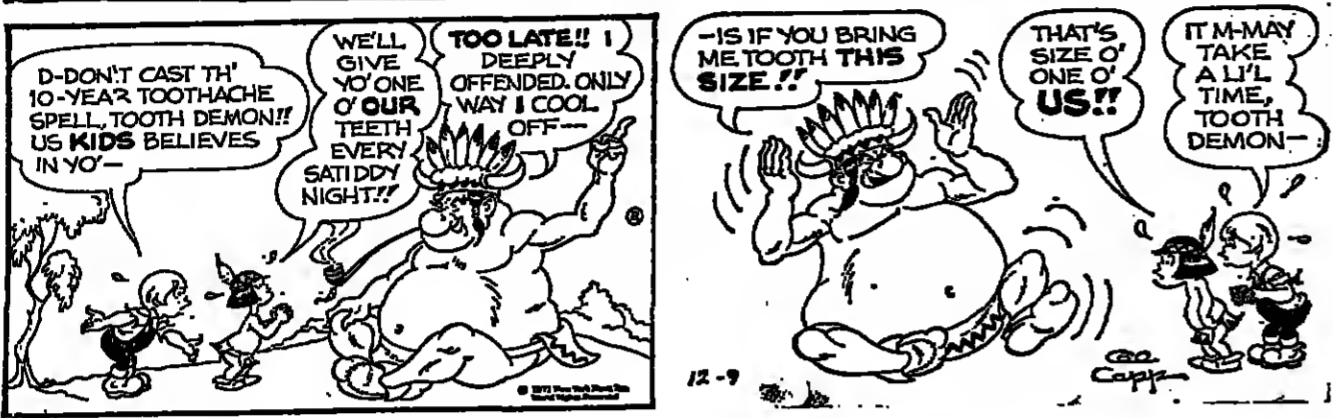
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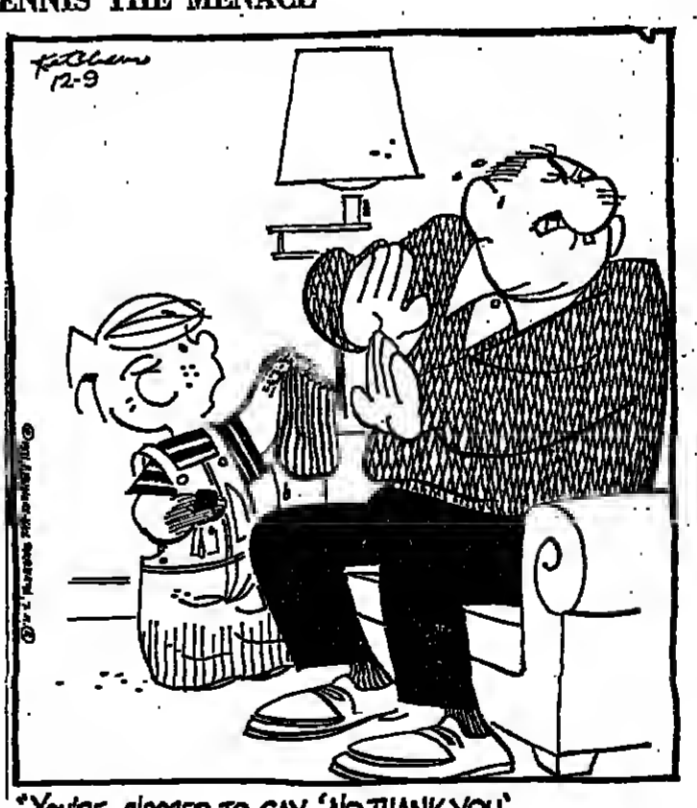
By Alan Truscott

In a dramatic deal from a match between Britain and Germany in the recently-ended European bridge championships...

Table with columns for North (D), West, East, and South, showing card counts and suits.

Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding: North East South West 1 diamond Pass 1 heart Pass...

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JUMBLE

Jumble word game section with a grid of letters and instructions to form words.

BOOKS

ALIENATION AND ECONOMICS By Walter A. Weisskopf. Dutton, 202 pp. \$1.95. Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

WALTER A. WEISSKOPF is a Viennese-born economist who came to the United States in the late 1930s and has been teaching economics at Roosevelt University in Chicago since its founding in 1945...

Louvre Opens 3 Rooms of French Sculpture

PARIS, Dec. 8 (AP)—A new exhibition of French sculpture is being held in the Pavillon de la France at the Louvre Museum today...

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle section with a grid and a list of clues for across and down words.

Handwritten signature or note at the bottom left of the page.

No. 8 Dolphins Bow

Florida State Cuts Jacksonville to Size

YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—The losing college game because it did not have enough height? What a year makes. Reason the Dolphins had to spare with 7-foot-2

th Leads Tennis, Barthel

Dec. 8 (UPI)—Stan Rodman, Calif., took up on the \$50,000 Pepsi tennis tournament today with a 6-7, 5-3 victory over Brian of France.

Florida State's 6-11 Lawrence McCray and 6-10 Reggie Royals dominated the backcourt down the stretch, as Jacksonville's biggest man was 6-8 Bob Nylin. Ron King's 28 points topped the winners, while Harold Fox had 29 for Jacksonville.

ors Settle \$1 Million. arry Suit

ANGELES, Dec. 8 (UPI). Owners of the defunct Oaks American Basketball team, including at Boone, agreed yesterday to a \$1 million settlement of the Golden Warriors, pending a court order.

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Faith, Hope and the Charity Line

Dear Partner, I've got great news. On December 9, at 7 p.m., the ORU Basketball team will play, for the first time, in MADISON SQUARE GARDEN in New York City. This is a great honor for our team. We'll play in a doubleheader with the University of Pennsylvania, Hofstra University of Long Island, and Manhattan College of New York City.

The beginning of Oral Roberts' letter announcing the basketball game.

By Sam Goldaper NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (NYT)—Oral Roberts, once considered one of the world's most famous faith healers, has sent out 55,000 letters to his New York followers requesting them to attend a basketball game tomorrow night between Oral Roberts University and Hofstra at Madison Square Garden.

The Titans opened the 1971-72 season last Wednesday night by defeating Illinois State, 85-63. It was Oral Roberts' debut as a major-league basketball player. The Titans have a 3-0 win-loss record this season.

Next season it will open its \$5.5-million Special Events Center. It makes the job a lot easier when your president (Roberts) is enthusiastic," said Trickley. "He wants a national championship."

Baseball Acted as If It Was Last Deal

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (NYT)—Frank Robinson was manager of the Orioles when a trade with the Reds brought Tom Post to Baltimore. "He's a ball player," a man said to Bauer, "but didn't he get a kind of name for himself in Cincinnati?"

Frank Robinson marketable... The Robinson deal was the stunner at a convention where 54 players changed addresses in 15 transactions involving 15 major-league teams. The men who own baseball swapped bodies as though the slave trade were going out of style—which, indeed, may be the case.

The Scoreboard

Table with columns for TENNIS, NBA Results, and ABA Results. Includes match details like Boston 105 (White 28, Sawicki 28), New York 97 (Prestor 29, DeBueschere 16), etc.

Winless French Wondering Miss Mittermaier Wins Slalom

By Bernard Kirsch VAL D'ISERE, France, Dec. 8 (UPI)—The French skied slower today than a West German and a Spaniard and they are already saying things like "We must be careful."

Abundance of Talent One of the many reasons for past French success was that when I wake up the next day," said Ellison. "Until I tried to get out of bed, then it felt like I'd done something unusual."

Rams' Coach Prothro Found Runner Ellison at the Movies

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (NYT)—The outstanding individual feat of the year in pro football was the 347 yards gained by Willie Ellison of the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

English, Italy Soccer Clubs Gain in Cup LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—Italian and English teams looked as if they would dominate the final stages of the UEFA Soccer Cup after third-round matches tonight as an English and two Italian teams gained the quarterfinals with a second English squad, Tottenham Hotspur, heavy favorite to make the last eight.

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PEOPLE: An Irish Bus Called 'Cupid'

There was a time, not too long ago either, when unspooled Irish colleens from the west country came to Dublin for fame, fortune and romance. Now the girls—70 of them at last count—are heading back west every weekend, in search of peace, quiet—and romance. Tired of the bright lights and disillusioned by the tactics of the brass city boys, the young ladies are boarding what's been dubbed the 'Cupid Bus' on Friday nights for County Galway and the chance to meet country girls again, in the company of buxom but lovable boy-friends. "One gets very tired riding into dance halls and then getting perhaps only three dances a night," said Sheila Mahoney, a Cupid Bus regular, "where one never comes home about to partner all the girls; the males go about selecting their partners as if they were conferring a big favor... Some of them even ask you to buy them drinks and cigarettes." "Those city chaps are fast workers," agreed Mary Bourke. "We prefer the staid country lads." The country lads dig the Cupid Bus too, according to Mike Kelly, a post-office official in Tuam (pop. 4,000) who dreamed up the idea. Women are scarce in the west since so many have migrated to Dublin or England. "It's like a typical day's intake, to about four pounds per head annually, twice as much as last year. HOME: Queen Ingrid of Denmark from an extended vacation in Barbados following an October operation.

Tenor Jan Peerce will make his Broadway musical debut in "Fiddler on the Roof" next Tuesday, becoming the seventh performer to play the lead role of Tevye in the record-breaking Broadway musical production which recorded its 3,000th performance last Saturday. Peerce, 65, who made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 1941, will follow in order: Zero Mostel, Luther Adler, Herschel Bernardi, Jerry Jarrett, Harry Goz and Paul Lipson.

The eating champion of Europe, reports Detroit magazine, is Hubert Frommet, 43, of West Germany. "Eating is my hobby," boasts Frommet. "That's why I never bother with vacations or own a car. A typical day's intake includes 15 pounds of meat, seven pounds of vegetables and two gallons of beer. Detroit said his girl matched his appetite but gave no measurements or weight.

Young's second wife is the former Susy Feldman, of St. Louis. OFF COURSE: A homing pigeon belonging to R. E. Baisingshausen, of Hannover, West Germany, which was caught by Jim Taffie in Brisbane, Australia. UP: The consumption of curd in Austria, to about four pounds per head annually, twice as much as last year. HOME: Queen Ingrid of Denmark from an extended vacation in Barbados following an October operation.

ONE-ARMED CROPPY DUSTER—American Mike Jese, the "One-Winged Eagle" who has flown more than 7,000 hours as a crop duster using only his right arm, has just been qualified as a flying instructor.

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François Truffaut with Kika Markham.

Mary Blume

Truffaut As Proust in Love With the Brontës

PARIS (IHT).—Henri-François Roché was a handsome, long-boned and highly cultivated Frenchman who played an important role on the fringes of the history of art of this century. Sent to New York on a military mission during World War I, he became a lifelong friend of Marcel Duchamp. He helped launch Brancusi, boxed with Braque, was a friend of Satie and a very early collector of Picasso. "He had great love for the human species," the late French author Jean Paulhan said of Roché. "He was a very well brought up spider, a perfect spider," says the film director François Truffaut. Roché kept a diary and published occasional articles on the arts and a pseudonymous book in 1921. He also, for a while, taught gymnastics and French. Suddenly in 1953, at the age of 74, he published an autobiographical novel, "Jules et Jim," which was followed three years later by another autobiographical work, "Deux Anglaises et le Continent."

In America he is admired not only for his skill but also for his humanity and tenderness—the same qualities, one has the feeling, that he is disliked for in France. He is expansive rather than hermetic; he is intelligent but not an intellectual. "My projects are always simple to do and to understand. There's always a good base of melodrama," Truffaut says. "A spectator may dislike my films or be upset by them, but he can't say he didn't understand. It's not like the idea of making films for a limited public. You have to try to win over the spectators, there is a battle involved. You have to win them over by *douner*." Truffaut's next film will be based on Henry Farrell's "Such a Gorgeous Kid Like Me." He has abandoned Antoine Doinel, the partly autobiographical character who has been played by Jean-Pierre L aud since his first appearance in "Les 400 Coups," but thinks he might revive Antoine one day. "I have been thinking of a film in which Antoine has a sort of nervous crisis that makes him look back on his past and I would show flashbacks from the four Antoine Doinel films. It could be interesting, but it's a little delicate because it's a project that people might find shocking—to make a film of which three quarters has already been done. It sounds a bit too clever, but it may be worth trying."

Art Buchwald

Christmas, Phase 2

WASHINGTON. — There are many persons concerned with how Phase 2 will affect their Christmas this year. Here are some letters that the Cost of Living Council has had to deal with. The first is from a man named Ebenezer Scrooge, a partner in the firm of Scrooge and Marley. Mr. Scrooge writes: "Dear Sir, "I have an employee named Bob Cratchit who works as a clerk in my warehouse. For some years I was under the impression that Cratchit was not doing his share of the work. (For example, he always asked to take Christmas Day off, which I have considered humbug. "But last year I had a bad experience. I won't go into the details, other than to say it changed my attitude on many things. One of them was my feeling towards Cratchit. I decided I had been mistaken about him, and to make amends I promised him a raise. Unfortunately, I told him the raise would go into effect on Aug. 18, 1971. "My question is: Can I now go ahead and give him this raise, as I would hate to go through the same bad trip this Christmas as I did last year?" Scrooge's letter was turned over to someone at the Pay Board who replied: "Dear Mr. Scrooge, "Your letter in regard to your employee Robert Cratchit was referred to this office. Unfortunately, we cannot give you a definite answer at this time as to whether you can raise his salary. The raise, if permitted, would have to be within the wage guidelines set forth by the Cost of Living Council. "Would you be kind enough to tell us if this is a merit raise, an across-the-board raise, or an inflationary raise which would cause you to raise the price of your products. "Speaking for the administration, we urge you to forgo Mr. Cratchit's raise at this time so that we all can win the President's great battle against inflation."

\$1.87 Million Paid for Work By Fragonard

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—A German dealer today paid \$340,000 (181.87 million) for a portrait by the 18th-century French artist Jean-Benoit Fragonard, a world record for a work by the painter. The price for the painting, a portrait of Anne-Francois d'Harcourt, Duc de Beuvron, was also a record for a single French 18th-century work of art. The buyer at the Sotheby's auction was German dealer Wolfgang Eisenheiss. The previous record for a work by Fragonard was \$312,000, paid in New York in 1961 for a portrait of a young girl reading, entitled "La Liseuse."

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